

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An image forming apparatus comprising an operation display section which has a transparent touch panel superposed on a display screen of a display section,  
5 can input an operation instruction by pressing a transparent touch panel portion corresponding to an operation instruction item character group displayed on the display screen, and is associated with a main body of said image forming apparatus, comprising:

10 an operation display control section which controls said operation display section to display, on the display screen, selection items to decide a display size of the operation instruction item character group on the display screen and display the operation instruction item character  
15 group in the display size decided by selecting a selection item.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operation display control section comprises

determination means for determining whether the  
20 operation instruction item character group having the decided display size can be displayed in one display window layout, and

layout setting means for setting a display window layout of the operation instruction item character group on  
25 the display screen on the basis of a determination result of said determination means.

3. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the

display window layout includes a standard display window layout and a change display window layout.

4. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the standard display window layout is set by said layout setting means when said determination means determines that the display size of the operation instruction item character group is less than a predetermined display size.

5. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the change display window layout is set by said layout setting means when said determination means determines that the display size of the operation instruction item character group is not less than a predetermined display size.

6. An image forming apparatus comprising an operation display section which has a transparent touch panel superposed on a display screen of a display section, can input an operation instruction by pressing a transparent touch panel portion corresponding to each operation button displayed on the display screen, and is associated with a main body of said image forming apparatus, comprising:

an operation display control section which controls said operation display section to display, on the display screen, selection items to decide a display size of each operation button on the display screen and display each operation button in the display size decided by selecting a selection item.

7. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said

operation display control section comprises

determination means for determining whether each operation button having the decided display size can be displayed in one display window layout, and

5 layout setting means for setting a display window layout of each operation button on the display screen on the basis of a determination result of said determination means.

8. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the  
10 display window layout includes a standard display window layout and a change display window layout.

9. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the standard display window layout is set by said layout setting means when said determination means determines that  
15 the display size of each operation button is less than a predetermined display size.

10. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the change display window layout is set by said layout setting means when said determination means determines that the  
20 display size of each operation button is not less than a predetermined display size.